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PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Paul Szabo, Lib.

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, May 16, 2000

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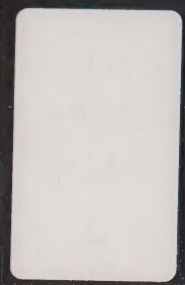
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Donald G. Lenihan, Director.

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ORDER OF THE DAY:

Future Business

WITNESSES:

Centre for Collaborative Government:

Donald G. Lenihan, Director.

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:

Nola Juraitis, Director, Accountability for Collective Results, Planning, Performance and Reporting Sector, Comptrollership Branch.



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Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, May 16, 2000

The Sub-Committee on Improved Financial Reporting to Parliament of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 9:45 a.m. this day, in Room 306, West Block, the Chair, Paul Szabo, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Tony Ianno, Benoît Sauvageau, Paul Szabo and John Williams.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean Dupuis, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Centre for Collaborative Government: Donald G. Lenihan, Director. *From the Treasury Board of Canada:* Nola Juraitis, Director, Accountability for Collective Results, Planning, Performance and Reporting Sector, Comptrollership Branch, Treasury Board Secretariat.

The Sub-Committee proceeded to the consideration of its future business, pursuant to its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs of Thursday, May 4, 2000, in relation to measures and procedures to improve financial reporting to Parliament.

On motion of John Williams, it was agreed, - That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence when a quorum is not present provided that at least 3 members are present including one member from the opposition.

On motion of Benoît Sauvageau, it was agreed, - That the Sub-Committee retain the services of one or more Research Officers from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Sub-Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Yvon Godin, it was agreed, - That, at the discretion of the Chair, reasonable travelling expenses, as per the regulation established by the Board of Internal Economy, be paid if necessary to witnesses invited to appear before the Sub-Committee, and that for such payment of expenses a limit of one (1) representative per organization be established.

Donald G. Lenihan made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

It was agreed, - That Peter Dobell be invited to appear before the Sub-Committee.

It was agreed, - That the Chair of the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance be invited to appear before the Sub-Committee.

At 11:25 a.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Sub-Committee

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Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, May 17, 2000

The Sub-Committee on Improved Financial Reporting to Parliament of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Paul Szabo, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Yvon Godin, Tony Ianno, Benoît Sauvageau, Paul Szabo and John Williams.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean Dupuis, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Maria Barrados, Assistant Auditor General, Audit Operations Branch; John Mayne, Principal, Audit Operations Branch; John Hodgins, Principal, Audit Operations. *From the House of Commons:* Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House; William Corbett, Deputy Clerk.

Pursuant to the Order adopted by the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs on Thursday, May 4, 2000, the Sub-Committee proceeded to its consideration of measures and procedures to improve financial reporting to Parliament.

Maria Barrados made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:30 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:32 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Robert Marleau made an opening statement and, with William Corbett, answered questions.

At 5:32 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 2

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ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of measures and procedures to improve financial reporting to Parliament

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House of Commons.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Maria Barrados, Assistant Auditor General, Audit Operations Branch;

John Hodgins, Principal, Audit Operations, Audit Operations Branch;

John Mayne, Principal, Audit Operations Branch.



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Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, May 30, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of measures and procedures to improve financial reporting to Parliament

WITNESSES:

Centre for Collaborative Government:

Donald G. Lenihan, Director.

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:

Andrew Lieff, Senior Director, Expenditure Operations and Estimates Division, Planning,
Performance and Reporting Sector;

John M. Morgan, Senior Director, Financial Management and Accountability Policy,
Comptrollership Branch;

Richard Neville, Deputy Comptroller General;

Martin Ulrich, Director, Results Measurement and Accountability.



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Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, May 30, 2000

The Sub-Committee on Improved Financial Reporting to Parliament of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 3:43 p.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Paul Szabo, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Scott Brison, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Benoît Sauvageau and Paul Szabo.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean Dupuis, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat: Richard Neville, Deputy Comptroller General; John Morgan, Senior Director, Financial Management and Accounting Policy; Andrew M. Lieff, Senior Director, Expenditure Operations and Estimates Division, Planning, Performance and Reporting Sector; Martin Ulrich, Senior Director, Results Measurement and Accountability, Comptrollership Branch. *From the Centre for Collaborative Government:* Donald G. Lenihan, Director.

Pursuant to the Order adopted by the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs on Thursday, May 4, 2000, consideration of measures and procedures to improve financial reporting to Parliament.

Richard Neville and Donald G. Lenihan made opening statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:00 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, May 31, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of measures and procedures to improve financial reporting to Parliament

WITNESS:

Parliamentary Centre:

Peter Dobell, Founding Director.



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Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, May 31, 2000

The Sub-Committee on Improved Financial Reporting to Parliament of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 3:42 p.m. this day, in Room 306, West Block, the Chair, Paul Szabo, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Marlene Catterall, Tony Ianno, Benoît Sauvageau and Paul Szabo.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean Dupuis, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the The Parliamentary Centre: Peter Dobell, Founding Director.

Pursuant to the Order adopted by the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs on Thursday, May 4, 2000, consideration of measures and procedures to improve financial reporting to Parliament.

Peter Dobell made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 4:39 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:42 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

At 4:54 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, June 6, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of its draft report on measures and procedures to improve financial reporting to Parliament

WITNESS:

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:

Richard J. Neville, Deputy Comptroller General.



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Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, June 6, 2000

The Sub-Committee on Improved Financial Reporting to Parliament of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Paul Szabo, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Paul Szabo and John Williams.

Acting Members present: Gerry Byrne for Tony Ianno; Serge Cardin for Benoît Sauvageau.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean Dupuis, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat: Richard Neville, Deputy Comptroller General; John Morgan, Senior Director, Financial Management and Accounting Policy; Martin Ulrich, Senior Director, Results Measurement and Accountability, Comptrollership Branch.

Pursuant to the Order adopted by the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs on Thursday, May 4, 2000, the Sub-Committee proceeded to consideration of its draft report on measures and procedures to improve financial reporting to Parliament.

Richard Neville made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

It was agreed, - That the researchers and clerk be authorized to make, in consultation with the Chairman, the changes agreed to today, as well as any such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

It was agreed, - That pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Sub-Committee request the Government to table a comprehensive response to the Report.

It was agreed, - That the Sub-Committee's Report on Improved Financial Reporting to Parliament be adopted and that the Chairman present it to the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs.

At 4:53 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Sub-Committee

